

What can be done?

What is hard to see through is the total almost total degree of powerlessness which presently exists. We can make almost nothing happen.

- How we get rid of our garbage become a big deal. (Landfill)
- The new police chief.
- Laboratories on the fire dept.

Maintaining a radical vision is extremely difficult when one is confronted on every corner with the force of suffocating force of the status quo.

- To deal with health care, we ~~can~~ have the Met. Ch. and the doctors - (the only guy which has ever loved me).
- To deal with legal issues, we have the legal establishment, and the judge.
- In general, we have the newspapers, the C.D. + radio, the church, the unions, the O.I.O.A, the Motorcycles, towns, the Chamber of commerce, the legislators, the owners, the Federal bureau, etc., the Dem + Rep. parties,

Health care

8/9/00

I am unable to look in the mirror -
and see how I am. How am I? I don't
know. I don't know who "I" am.

For years now, I have not lived a
normal emotional life. My relationship
to J. remains unclear. We pass time
together, but the relationship doesn't grow
nature or deepen.

I have pushed everything, on top of
everything, on top of everything. My
ability to think, to cry, to laugh, is to
relate to other human beings is stoned.

Year after year, editor after editor,
writer after writer, media bullshit after
media bullshit -

⑤ I recall to me this morning that planning
and decision making were two of the biggest
~~weaknesses~~ weaknesses that I have. Not only do
I not pass bills every month - "what's my month?"
I am unable to plan vacations or intelligent
business travel. It would be fun going
white rafting or fishing down a Maine river,
or on a sailing trip, or travel, etc. etc. actually,
I am better now than I used to be - but
still pretty poor.

But planning is having a house which is
filthy and looks like shit because I don't have
someone to clean for \$15.00 per week. That,
in turn, results in my not working, working only -
and fully, enjoying the house.

This last year I have gone to England & Ireland,
Florida on the Sun, Niagara & More.

Poor planning is not getting the car
fixed, etc.

- (1) Should I run for Governor?
- (2) The major issues facing the City?
- (3) Where should we be one year from now?

→ N.Y. Times - "What is socialism?"

- 1917 - The Revolution

1918-22 - The Great War

1924 - Lenin Dead

1924-27 - The defeat of Trotsky

1927 - Stalin gains

1934 - W.W. II

1946 - Cold War

1952 - Death of Stalin

1954 - Khrushchev's speech.

I) - Psychologically - what's going on?

a) I am not looking toward the future. There are no goals, plans to meet those goals, realistic expectations.

1. can't get started on gubernatorial campaign.
2. am not dealing with C's project or field.
3. am not maintaining this house well.
4. am not travelling.
5. am not planning what happens if I run out of offers in a year. What do I do. What do I want to do.

II. Life goes by fast. is fast. The last 5 years
unusually of the last 5 years - plus my mental
insanity - place me in an uncomfortable position.

- Personal Considerations - Are there other things that I would like to do more.
- Political Context - Do I have the right not to run.
- If I stay in office what should I expect?
 - a) declining ^{general} popularity. The "thill" and recession is gen. I'm just a struggling politician among a reasonably good field. Today is not 4 years ago.
 - b) greater antagonism. By employer, workers groups, poor people, women, human rights.
 - c) lack of external ~~aid~~ & turnover within the Eng. Govt. & the Adm. We have been very cohesive. It may break.
- 1) personal antagonisms & jealousies.
- 2) people cannot continue to work as hard. Run Oct.
- 3) Split over relationship to the Sec. of Pol. Dept. towns, a # of our people would like the return of O'ally & the O. I.
- D) Do we become a heavier "food foot"?
- E) Are our ideas Do our ideas support the reversal of Burlyk?
- F) The NP & S has failed.
- G) We are not coming up with consistent plans.
- H) We are not relating well to workers & poor people.
- I) relating to the media.
- F - Board issue - big money!
- K) Volunteering effort - low.